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**STATEMENT FROM MAYOR EMANUEL ON STATE BUDGET**

"I want to thank Senate President Cullerton and Speaker Madigan for their leadership, and I want to thank Democrats and Republicans in the Illinois House and Senate for coming together to put the people of Illinois before party politics. Like so many others across the state, I wish the governor had been willing to actually compromise at some point in this process because the only thing his my-way-or-the-highway approach has gotten Illinois is nearly three years of gridlock and \$15 billion in unpaid bills. Thankfully, today's bipartisan, balanced budget is the first step in bringing stability and certainty back to Illinois and putting our state back on track."

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